

REMARKS

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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE / NON-FINAL RCE FIRST OFFICE ACTION

The 24 January 2008 telephonic examiner interview by and between Examiner Mushfikh Alam and the Undersigned is respectfully noted. In such interview, it was agreed by the Examiner that if the present RCE was filed with claim amendments of the scope/degree communicated during the interview, then the Examiner would not make a first action final. The Examiner is thanked for such interview, and for allowing Applicant to avoid the procedural/administrative delays associated with an after-final amendment and advisory action process.

PENDING CLAIMS

Claims 1-16 were pending, under consideration and subjected to examination in the Office Action. Appropriate claims have been amended, canceled and/or added (without prejudice or disclaimer) in order to adjust a clarity and/or focus of Applicant's claimed invention. That is, such changes are unrelated to any prior art or scope adjustment and are simply refocused claims in which Applicant is present

interested. At entry of this paper, Claims 6 and 17-21 will be pending for further consideration and examination in the application.

CLAIM OBJECTION OBVIATED VIA CLAIM CANCELLATION

Claim 1 has been objected to because of the Office Action concerns listed within the "Claim Objections" section on page 2 of the Office Action. Claim 1 has been cancelled. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the claim objection is respectfully requested.

ALL REJECTIONS UNDER 35 USC '102 AND '103 - TRAVERSED

All 35 USC rejections (i.e., the 35 USC '102 rejection(s) and 35 USC '103 rejection(s)) are respectfully traversed. However, such rejections have been rendered obsolete by the present clarifying amendments to Applicant's claims, and accordingly, traversal arguments are not appropriate at this time. However, Applicant respectfully submits the following to preclude renewal of any such rejections against Applicant's clarified claims. That is, insofar as any such rejection applies to Applicant's presently-clarified claims, Applicant respectfully submits the following.

All descriptions of Applicant's disclosed and claimed invention, and all descriptions and rebuttal arguments regarding the applied prior art, as previously submitted by Applicant in any form, are repeated and incorporated hereat by reference. Further, regarding any descriptions and rebuttal arguments concerning Applicant's invention and/or the applied prior art as included herein, yet found to be corrective over prior descriptions and rebuttal arguments, such corrective

descriptions and rebuttal arguments should be considered to supersede prior descriptions and rebuttal arguments. Still further, all Office Action statements regarding the prior art rejections are respectfully traversed. As additional arguments, Applicant respectfully submits the following.

Applicant's disclosed and claimed invention is directed toward improving a versatility/useability of video recording/reproduction arrangements (e.g., apparatus, methods). More specifically, Applicant's disclosed and claimed invention is directed toward arrangements which allow a user to initiate viewing of a video program at one (i.e., a first) location, and then transfer his/her continued viewing of a remainder of the same video program to another (i.e., a second) location. One example might be where a user begins to watch a movie (received from a cable or satellite service) at his/her primary residence, but then has to leave mid-movie to travel to his/her secondary residence (e.g., a vacation home). Applicant's disclosed and claimed invention allows such user to initiate recording and then transfer of the remainder of the movie to the second location.

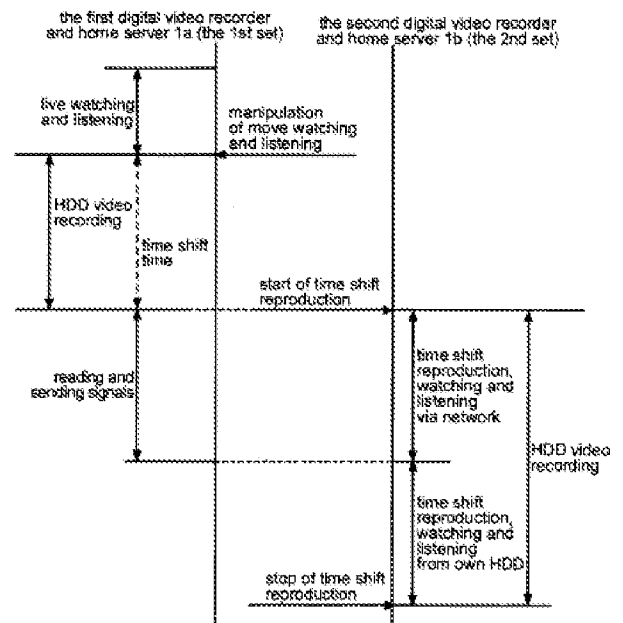
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Applicant's clarified claim 6 and FIG. 3 (reproduced herewith) are used for further explanation/understanding as follows. More particularly, clarified claim 6 specifically recites: "A transmission and reception apparatus which operates to receive a video signal and transmit it to an external device, comprising: a reception device configured to receive a video signal; a recording device selectable to effect recording of the video signal received by the reception device; a transmission system selectable to effect transmission of the video signal recorded by the recording device to the external device via a network; an output device configured to output the video signal, to display a signal

received by the reception device (see "live watching and listening"); and an input unit responsive to user manipulation, wherein, based on user manipulation (see second horizontal line from top) from the input unit, the recording device starts recording the video signal (see "HDD video recording") received by the reception device after said user manipulation and the output device stops

outputting the video signal (see vertical dashed line); and wherein, in response to a request from the external device, (see third horizontal line from top) the video signal recorded by the recording device and information of the video signal for use in recording a video signal broadcasted after receiving the request, are transmitted to the external device and the recording device stops recording the video signal.

FIG.3



In short, it is respectfully submitted that Applicant's disclosed and clarified invention includes a very specific sequence of events which is neither disclosed, nor suggested, by the primary Ochiai reference, or any of the previously-applied references (whether taken individually, or in the applied combinations).

In addition to the foregoing, the following additional remarks from Applicant's foreign representative are also submitted in support of traversal of the rejection and patentability of Applicant's claims.

Ochiai does not consider a situation where a user moves from one apparatus to the other, for continuous watching and listening. Accordingly, Applicant's clarified invention is different from Ochiai because of following factors (especially the underlined portions).

More particularly, regarding clarified claim 6 (directed to Fig. 3's "first digital video recorder") recites (in relevant part): "wherein, based on user manipulation from the input unit, the recording device starts recording the video signal received by the reception device after said user manipulation and the output device stops outputting the video signal; and wherein, in response to a request from the external device, the video signal recorded by the recording device and information of the video signal for use in recording a video signal broadcasted after receiving the request, are transmitted to the external device and the recording device stops recording the video signal." Ochiai and the other previously-applied references (whether taken individually, or in the applied combinations), would not have disclosed/suggested such features/limitations.

As a result of all of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the applied art would not support a '102 anticipatory-type rejection or '103 obviousness-type

rejection of Applicant's claims. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of such '102 and '103 rejections, and express written allowance of all of the rejected claims, are respectfully requested.

EXAMINER INVITED TO TELEPHONE

The Examiner is herein invited to telephone the undersigned attorneys at the local Washington, D.C. area telephone number of 703/312-6600 for discussing any Examiner's Amendments or other suggested actions for accelerating prosecution and moving the present application to allowance.

RESERVATION OF RIGHTS

It is respectfully submitted that any and all claim amendments and/or cancellations submitted within this paper and throughout prosecution of the present application are without prejudice or disclaimer. That is, any above statements, or any present amendment or cancellation of claims (all made without prejudice or disclaimer), should not be taken as an indication or admission that any objection/rejection was valid, or as a disclaimer of any scope or subject matter. Applicant respectfully reserves all rights to file subsequent related application(s) (including reissue applications) directed to any/all previously claimed limitations/features which have been subsequently amended or cancelled, or to any/all limitations/features not yet claimed, i.e., Applicant continues (indefinitely) to maintain no intention or desire to dedicate or surrender any limitations/features of subject matter of the present application to the public.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims listed above as presently being under consideration in the application are now in condition for allowance.

To the extent necessary, Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 CFR '1.136. Authorization is herein given to charge any shortage in the fees, including extension of time fees and excess claim fees, to Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case No. 501.43515X00) and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Based upon all of the foregoing, allowance of all presently-pending claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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